



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/499,592	02/07/2000	James P. Jackson	M-7876 US	1483
7590 03/11/2005			EXAMINER	
McDERMOTT WILL & EMERY			JONES, SCOTT E	
600 13th STREET, N.W.			ART UNIT	
WASHINGTON, DC 20005-3096			PAPER NUMBER	
			3713	
DATE MAILED: 03/11/2005				

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/499,592	JACKSON ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Scott E. Jones	3713	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Scott E. Jones. (3)_____.

(2) Russell Scott. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 08 March 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 24.

Identification of prior art discussed: Wood (U.S. 5,286,023), Keesee (U.S. 5,282,620), Jones (U.S. 6,402,150), and Grippo (U.S. 6,017,032).

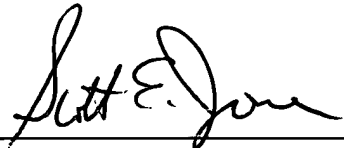
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


 Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews

Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent and Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant requested an interview to discuss claim 24 in view of the cited references Wood, Keesee, Jones, and Grippo. In particular, Applicant's representative stated Wood and Keesee fail to teach, disclose, or suggest paying progressive jackpots according to a wager amount for a winning progressive jackpot result. Applicant's representative discussed how Wood and Kessee each lack disclosing increasing a second progressive jackpot more than a first progressive jackpot in response to receiving a wager. Additionally, Applicant's representative stated Jones and Grippo do not show or suggest increasing a second progressive jackpot more than a first progressive jackpot in response to receiving a wager. Applicant's representative indicated the instant invention is distinguished over Wood and Keesee at least because each of the references apparently disclose the first and second progressive jackpots are randomly selected, rather than being selected based upon the amount of the player's wager. Furthermore, Applicant's representative stated a single wager in the claimed gaming method increases the progressive jackpot in both the first and second progressive jackpots. Regarding claim 82, Applicant's representative does not believe any of the prior art references discloses the gaming system paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot if the random gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result. Applicant's representative noted a claim amendment canceling some claims and adding new claims, as well as, a change of address is to follow. In conclusion, full and fair consideration will be given to Applicant's timely submitted, official written response to the Office.

INTERVIEW REQUEST

Jones, Scott

From: Russell Scott [rscott@tcg-ipl.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2005 12:00 PM
To: Jones, Scott
Subject: FW: Interview Request 09/499,592

Examiner Jones,

As we discussed on Tues., March 1, please confirm by reply to this email that you have received this interview request and agenda, and that you will be available for a telephonic interview regarding the above noted file on Tuesday, March 8, at 11:00AM ET.

Thanks,

Russell C. Scott
Reg. No. 43,103

From: Russell Scott
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2005 10:29 AM
To: 'scott.jones@uspto.gov'
Subject: Interview Request 09/499,592

Examiner Jones,

Please confirm that you will be available for a telephonic interview on Tuesday, March 8, at **11:00AM ET**.

Proposed interview attendees are you and myself.

The claims were allowed, but in view of newly discovered references, the allowance was withdrawn and the claims were rejected in the most recent Office Action.

Interview Agenda:

-discuss claim 24 in view of the cited references Wood, Keesee, Jones, and Grippo. Specifically, Wood and Keesee each fail to teach, disclose or otherwise suggest paying progressive jackpots according to a wager amount for a winning progressive jackpot result. Wood and Keesee each fail to show or suggest increasing a second progressive jackpot more than a first progressive jackpot in response to receiving a wager. Likewise, Jones and Grippo each fail to show or suggest increasing a second progressive jackpot more than a first progressive jackpot in response to receiving a wager.

Thank you,

Russell C. Scott
Reg. No. 43,103

The Culbertson Group, P.C.
1114 Lost Creek Blvd., Suite 420
Austin, TX 78746
Phone: 512-327-8932
Fax: 512-327-2665
email address: rscott@tcg-ipl.com

3/8/05